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H. CON. RES. 263

Calling for an expedited resolution of all existing child custody cases in which Saudi Arabian subjects are holding United States citizens who are minors in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia without regard for United States law and calling for the establishment of a permanent treaty or other agreement to govern future child custody disputes between the two countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2003

Mr. FOSSELLA (for himself and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for an expedited resolution of all existing child custody cases in which Saudi Arabian subjects are holding United States citizens who are minors in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia without regard for United States law and calling for the establishment of a permanent treaty or other agreement to govern future child custody disputes between the two countries.

Whereas more than 90 families in the United States have been affected by custody disputes in which Saudi Arabian subjects are holding United States citizens who are minors in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia without regard for United States law;

Whereas many United States citizen mothers have been awarded custody of their United States citizen children by United States courts only to have the children abducted or held in Saudi Arabia;

Whereas the lack of a relevant treaty or other agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia leaves these mothers without legal recourse; and

Whereas the lack of legal standing of women in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also leaves these mothers without legal recourse: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) calls for an expedited resolution, including
4 through arbitration, of all existing child custody
5 cases in which Saudi Arabian subjects are holding
6 United States citizens who are minors in the King-
7 dom of Saudi Arabia without regard for United
8 States law; and

9 (2) urges the United States Government to seek
10 to enter into a permanent treaty or other agreement
11 with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to govern future
12 child custody disputes between the two countries.

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